

STARVE WAR! FEED AMERICA!

AMERICA can stop the war. War in Europe can continue only if fed by America.

To feed that war, the workers of America must starve.

While the war lords of Europe are leading the workers to slaughter, the money and food lords of America seek to profit by that slaughter by increasing the cost of food.

To curb the war in Europe and to curb the monopolists in this country, also to keep this nation from being drawn into the conflict, two things must be done: (1) We must starve the war by cutting off supplies. (2) We must feed our own people by seizing the sources of supplies.

We must stop the shipping of all supplies into the war zone.

Not a penny for loans, not a ounce of food should leave these shores to prolong this terrible shedding of blood.

This is the only honest and complete neutrality. In no other way can we be sure of keeping this nation out of that fearful whirlpool.

Bread and meat and money are as necessary as men and guns and bullets for the killing of men in war.

Keeping food and cash here will save lives on both sides of the Atlantic.

To carry on the war and to continue the wholesale slaughter, the governments of Europe have seized the stores of food and money, sources of credit, railroads and telegraphs.

Certainly this government is justified in taking similar measures to stop the war and to save lives at home.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD AT ONCE SEIZE THE STORES OF FOOD SUPPLIES, THE SOURCES OF CREDIT, THE RAILROADS, AND ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION AND USE THEM TO BREAK THE GRIP OF TRUSTS AND SPECULATORS.

The packing plants, the cold storage houses, the grain elevators and flour mills, and all else necessary to supply the food of the nation should be seized and operated for the good of all.

Congress should prohibit the shipping to the war zone of any article that will help to keep the warring armies at their murderous work.

It should also forbid the lending of money to any government that has plunged its subjects into war.

The Socialists of America call upon every man and woman who hates war and wishes the welfare of the people to join in this effort to check the war and to safeguard the lives of American workers.

The Socialists of Europe fought against war

to the last. Now that war has been forced upon the world by the lust of rulers and ruling classes, Socialists everywhere will fight with every energy to shorten its duration and reduce its horrors.

A tremendous responsibility rests upon you, the people of this nation. By the power of your voice and vote you can stop the ravages of the war abroad and poverty at home.

You can so use that voice and vote in the midst of the turmoil of war today as to lay the foundations of a society in which the government of America will be truly a government of the people, and the industries of America shall bring peace and plenty to those who labor in these industries.

To this the Socialist movement summons you today.

Starve the war and feed America!

Liebknecht Shot, Report, Rings True

Karl Liebknecht shot; Rosa Luxemburg shot; Socialists of Germany in revolt! This is the burden of the week's tidings that have managed to pierce the shroud of secrecy that envelops Germany.

It is charged that Liebknecht and Luxemburg were both murdered as the result of direct orders from the Kaiser. The revolt of the Socialists came as an inevitable sequel and may now develop into a social revolution that will hurl the Kaiser and the imperial family out of Germany forever.

Rings Too True.

There are some who still question the truth of these reports. The Volkszeitung, the powerful German Socialist daily of New York City, declares: "The report rings too true; it bears the stamp of truth on its forehead."

The report of the assassination of Liebknecht and Luxemburg came to the Daily Citizen, London. It declared that it had learned from reliable authority that Liebknecht, Germany's famed anti-militarist, had been shot for refusing to do military service.

The Daily Citizen said the story had been brought to London by a German raider, who reported that Berlin, owing to the shortage of food, was in a virtual state of revolution.

Dr. Liebknecht was an officer of the reserves and was called up for year in his peacetime duty. After a short trial he was convicted and shot by a platoon of infantrymen.

Luxemburg Shot, Too.

It is also reported that Rosa Luxemburg, the noted Socialist writer, who declared soldiers were mistreated in the army, was also shot.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht was born in 1871, and since his entry into politics as a Socialist had been one of the foremost members of the party. He was an uncompromising anti-militarist and in 1907 was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for high treason, the charge growing out of a pamphlet he wrote attacking militarism.

It was Liebknecht who for year in the Reichstag charged that the Krupp Company, manufacturers of arms and armaments, through an agent, bribed army and navy officials in order to obtain an insight into official documents.

He also charged that the Krupp caused articles to be printed in France advocating an increase in the French army in order to bring about a war-like spirit in Germany.

Charges Brought Convictions.

All the officers accused by Liebknecht were convicted by court martial and given light sentences.

Last June Liebknecht created another sensation in the Reichstag when he charged that titles were being granted on a commission basis was carried on in Prussia, and that certain titles had been granted for money consideration.

Only a few days after this report was published by the London Daily Citizen, a dispatch received by the London Central News from Rome said: "Fugitives arriving here from Berlin declare that the Socialists are

Let Us Have Socialism Now

The pan-European war horror, the plundering of the American people by the food barons, and the danger of involving the United States in this world catastrophe has made Socialism the big topic of discussion today.

"If Socialism will put an end to war, let us have it, and quickly, too!" is the growing demand of multitudes of non-Socialists.

The editorial of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican on this subject, published on this page, should be put in the hands of every American workingman. Give him an opportunity to read the startling Socialist proclamation, "Starve the War and Feed America!"

Send in your bundle orders now. The rates for this and all other issues: 1,000, \$5; 500, \$2.50; 200, \$1; 100, 50c.

MILLION LEAFLETS TO FLOOD LAND IN FIRST BIG CAMPAIGN EFFORT

"STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA!" That is to be the fighting slogan of American Socialists for the coming congressional campaign.

It was coined by the troublous times now oppressing the workers of the nation, and will be used by the American Socialist party, not only to fight the American food barons, who are increasing the cost of living, but also the war lords of Europe, who have plunged a world into strife.

A huge effort that the Socialist party National Campaign Committee planned and started at its meeting, Sunday, in Chicago.

The slogan, "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA," was made the title of a special two page leaflet, drawn up by the committee consisting of A. M. Simons, Carl D. Thompson, Dan A. White, John C. Kennedy and Walter Lanfersiek.

Most Rousing Appeal.

The contents of this leaflet are published in proclamation form on this page and form the most rousing appeal ever issued by any organized body of workers to the toiling masses of this nation.

The colossal problem that confronts the workers of both America and Europe and the solution of that problem are set down in the simplest and most far reaching words so that all may understand.

An initial order for one million copies of this leaflet was immediately placed with the printer and consign-

ing in revolt throughout Germany, following the execution of Dr. Liebknecht.

The only denial of the execution of Liebknecht and Luxemburg has been sent out by the United Press in a signed story by its German correspondent, Karl von Viegand. The dispatches sent out by this correspondent heretofore have had such an impartialistic flavor that his denial of this infamy tends more than anything else to confirm it.

Seek Information in Vain.

In an effort to learn something further concerning this tragedy, the National Secretary, Walter Lanfersiek, telegraphed William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, at Washington, as follows:

"Please secure official information through the American embassy at Berlin concerning the rumored execution of Karl Liebknecht, Rosa Luxemburg and other German Socialists." No reply has as yet been received.

The American Socialist publishes in its editorial column this week the views expressed in an editorial in the Volkszeitung on this new martyrdom of European Socialists.

SOCIALISTS IN WAR AGAINST HIGH PRICES

Through its national organization the Socialist party calls upon the working people everywhere to rise in protest against the increasing cost of food as follows:

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

A desperate situation confronts the people of America. Unscrupulous capitalists, using the European war as a pretext, are increasing the cost of food so that millions are threatened with starvation.

The president of the United States has ordered an investigation of the increase in food prices and the prosecution of those responsible for it. Such investigations and prosecutions have brought no results whatsoever in the past and are not likely to do so now.

European governments, when confronted with a similar situation, realized that there is only one measure that can be depended upon to bring relief—the seizure of all plants and industries responsible for the increase in prices and their operation by the government for the benefit of the people.

We demand that the same action be taken immediately in the United States.

We demand that the government seize the packing houses, cold storage warehouses, granaries, flour mills and such other plants and industries as may be necessary to safeguard the food of the people.

Such seizure will not only benefit the people of the United States but also the people of Europe.

When the government controls the industries, the exportation of foods to Europe can be prevented. The rulers of Europe, unable to bear the economic disaster, will be forced to call off their soldiers.

We also demand that the exportation of money and of munitions of war to the European nations be prohibited. The United States must not aid the powers of Europe to continue their fratricidal strife.

We call upon the people everywhere to hold mass meetings and send resolutions to the president and Congress demanding immediate action.

The need is urgent. We must act.

By order of the National Committee on Immediate Action.
WALTER LANFERSIEK,
Executive Secretary.
August 14, 1914.

SOCIALIST PROPERTY IS SEIZED BY THE AUSTRIANS.

The first property to be seized by the Austrian government after the order of mobilization, it is reported, was the automobiles of the Austrian Socialist party.

The next thing grabbed was the property of the Socialist co-operatives. There is little hope that the promise of pay will ever be kept.

Socialists Hoist Wages.—The Socialist administration of Hamilton, Ohio, has adopted an ordinance providing for a minimum wage of \$2.50 a day and an eight hour day for city employees.

GLORIOUS VICTORY

By Oscar Ameringer

"A glorious victory has been won by the Belgian forces," says a report from London.

"Alas," is invaded and our troops gained a glorious victory at Muehlenhausen. Such is the news from Paris.

"Liege has fallen and the German army made a victorious entry into the city." So says a cable from Berlin.

Ah! We all are victorious these days. We Germans, we English, we Russians and we Austrians.

"Our heroic soldiers have moved down the enemy by the thousands. The fields of mines exploded with wonderful precision. Battalions of infantry soared in the sky, and for minutes after it rained hands and feet, bleeding trunks and crimson gore.

"The machine guns cut wide swaths into the attacking cavalry. Even so the respite cuts through the golden grain."

"For three days the dead lie unburied in the field."

Happy dead. Your broken eyes no longer saw the comrade crawling toward the sheltering ditch, his entrails dragging in the bloody mire.

Your ears heard not the dying prayers, the cry of pain, the moans and curses, the wailing of the fever tortured, the shrieks of maniacs around the field of carnage.

You did not feel the worms that bore in festering wounds. You did not smell the sickening reek that rose from the battle ground.

You won a glorious victory, indeed.

"Our East Sea squadron sunk a German submarine."

A huge cylinder sinks slowly in the deep and frantic men tear their nails on iron walls. Darker and darker grows the watery night. Faster and faster come the gasps for air. The vessel settles in the slime. The creatures of the deep return and stare with greedy eyes at the silent prey behind the little plate glass window.

Have patience, denizens of the deep, prosperity is coming.

Victoria, a British cruiser, struck a floating mine and sunk with man and mouse.

Go to it, brothers of the finny tribe. This blonde haired boy made fishhooks in a Sheffield shop. The fellow bobbing over the waves nets to ensnare our kind. Our turn has come at last. The fingers, toes and ears are for the little ones. The limbs and trunks belong to us, the sharks, and may the crawlers clean the bony frames.

A glorious victory. The enemy lost 40,000 men. Our own losses are trifling, only 10,000.

A million mothers kneel in prayer. The Latin against black, the Caucasian against Mongolian, "white against black," all the catchword coinage of the fierce race conflicts of the world, find in Socialism a consistent foe. This "Slav peril," which forms the staple excuse of the Austro-German alliance in precipitating the present war, shrivels to nothing under Socialism's analysis, for not slave humans have they not built up a civilization and have they not produced great men and women who have enriched the world's culture?

Socialism strikes its second heavy blow at modern war by recognizing the complete equality of women with men in regulating the affairs of civilized society. What did women have to

Gold Greed Brings Jap War Threat

America is already beginning to hear from the efforts of its big business interests to capture the markets of the warring European nations. The war threat of Japan against Germany, which also threatens to involve the United States, is nothing more than the answer of Great Britain and France to the greed of American money seeking to capture their markets. It is the reply of these European nations working through their Japanese ally.

If the United States goes to war with Japan, and this will involve it in the European slaughter, it will be because American capital sought to profit by the helplessness of the nations of Europe.

Danger of involving the United States in the pan-European war looms big with the threatening ultimatum issued by the Japanese government to the German Kaiser.

Although President Wilson professes to be satisfied with the pledges given the United States by Japan in connection with the ultimatum served on Germany, it is known that the potentialities of these Japanese interests in the Orient are causing the administration grave apprehension.

Adding fuel to the already smoldering flame is a resolution introduced in Congress by Representative Bryan directing the Secretary of State to protest against the announced intention of Japan to take over the German leased territory of Kiau-Chau, China.

Japan's cautious regard for the United States was manifested both in the contents of the ultimatum regarding the return of Kiau-Chau to China and in the assurances given Ambassador Guthrie that the island empire had no territorial ambitions and intends to proceed with the utmost regard for American interests in the far east.

Military authorities smile cynically over these Japanese efforts to lull American anxiety concerning the plans of the latest nation to join the war.

The completion of the Panama canal, these authorities say, explains Japan's caution. The United States is now in a position to pass its entire fleet through the Panama canal and strait in the Pacific. If the United States succeeds in keeping out of the conflict it may be because of this fact.

That a clash with Japan over the commerce between the Philippines and Kiau-Chau and other German possessions in the Orient may materialize is indicated by the Japanese demand that Philippine shipments to Japan be stopped at once.

This demand is regarded at Washington as extraordinary. It is contended by authorities on international law that this demand is not justified so long as Japan has not declared war on Germany or even formally announced that a state of war exists.

This new war danger should cause American Socialists everywhere to force the government to stop American capital from using the present war situation to grab foreign markets and thus involve the United States in a needless and bloody war.

BELGIAN SOCIALISTS SEE THAT CHILDREN ARE FED.

As a result of demands made by Socialists, 6,000 children are being fed daily at Brussels, Belgium, by the government while their fathers are away at the front. Soup is distributed to all schools from a central station and within a short time it is expected that the number being fed will increase to 10,000.

One of the demands made by the Socialists here being forced into war was that adequate provisions must be made for the families of soldiers who should go to the front. Among measures directly insisted upon was the establishment of school restaurants which should feed the children.

A bill prohibiting child labor will be submitted to the voters of Austria in a month. This is the first initiative referendum on child labor in the United States. It secured 21,000 signatures, one-third more than necessary.

With making this war? Absolutely nothing. Comparatively speaking, woman's influence has been negligible, because fighting Europe has been dominated by that fighting animal, the male of the species. The primitive passion for war is masculine; war has ever been man's "game," and men are the incontestable creators of the whole machinery and apparatus of scientific warfare.

Women, according to war-lord philosophy, are made by the Almighty simply to bear sons in a fine plenty to be butchered on the battlefield. Women today throughout Europe are toiling in the harvests which were left unharvested when the storm burst and the sons and brothers and husbands were hurried away from their homes at the war lord's summons.

If there are 20,000,000 soldiers from the Atlantic coast of France to the Ural Mountains, there are twice that number of women left desolate, perhaps impoverished, always in agony of spirit over the dreadful possibilities of the crash of arms. Surely, a world in which women exercised their legitimate influence upon affairs of state, as the natural conservators of the race, would make short work of war.

Militarism for the moment is dominant in the world, but it may be counted upon to bleed itself white in this titanic conflict of conflicting nationalist, racial and autocratic ambitions. A momentous reaction will follow, and no one need be in doubt as to its character and trend.

"If Socialism Will Put an End to War, Let Us Have It, and Quickly, Too!"

There are many indications to show that multitudes of non-Socialists are daily turning toward Socialism because it is the only real foe of war, and because it promises to do away with all war. The most significant indication of this kind this week is an editorial appearing in the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, that was prompted by a non-Socialist writing to the editor and declaring "IF SOCIALISM WILL PUT AN END TO WAR, LET US HAVE IT, AND QUICKLY, TOO!" To this the editor replies: "SOCIALISM NEVER LOOKED MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN NOW." The Republican is the leading independent daily newspaper of New England, and is closely followed by editorial writers all over the country. This gives additional significance to the editorial, which is as follows:

(FROM THE SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN.)

A striking if despairing statement, this: "If Socialism will put an end to war, let us have it, and quickly, too; whatever it may be, and no one seems to know exactly, it can be no worse, and may be infinitely better than a system which can generate such a frightful spectacle as the world now sees before it in Europe." The correspondent who closes his letter in that impressive style has undoubtedly given expression to an idea which has been the gist of the thinking of many minds in recent days.

In the gloom of the hour, forward-looking people inevitably try to discern whatever of good may come out of the strife and tumult, and hope may even fasten upon anything that promises to put an end to war.

Socialism, whether regarded as a theory, or an organized movement, or a state of mind, never looked more attractive than now. Considered merely as an ideal, it has the inestimable temporary advantage of being able to prove beyond any possible controversy the catastrophic capacity of the existing order for upsetting the civilized world. Could anything be worse? And the question may not confidently be answered at this point in the unfolding of a stupendous catastrophe. If Socialism in any form could be depended upon to insure mankind against such a prodigious bacchante into savagery as one beholds at the center of western civilization, the case would be instantly closed and millions of minds would be made up that have hitherto seen in Socialism nothing but the perfectionist aspirations of visionaries.

But, in regard to war, Socialism is plainly on the right track, whether or not it could ever be realized fully in the industrial organizations of society. At two points it strikes heavily at the foundations of the world's militarism. First, it embodies the principle of internationalism as opposed to nationalism, and the principle of human solidarity as opposed to race hatred. This war is a frightful jumble of national rivalries and jealousies, and

of racial conflicts and animosities—so much so that by selecting in turn some particular factor for special emphasis one may plausibly justify the warlike course of each of the eight nations at this moment pursuing the business of organized murder.

The higher Socialism means, in the last analysis, the brotherhood of man; but it begins by wiping out nationalities and creating the sphere of its influence. Socialism would create in Europe one great state having no aggressively imperialistic or militaristic basis, and thus it would obliterate those bitter nationalist passions which have been responsible for so many wars periodically drenching the continent's soil with human blood.

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